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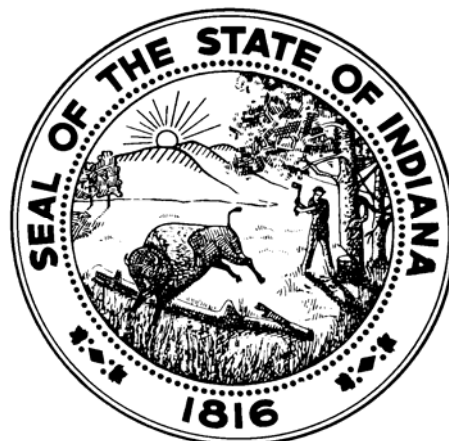
EXAMINATION REPORT

OF

CENTER TOWNSHIP

BENTON COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2005



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## OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Trustee	V. Nadine Laswell Karen M. Phillips	01-01-03 to 03-01-03 03-02-03 to 12-31-06
Chairman of the Township Board	Freemen Furr	01-01-03 to 12-31-06



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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF CENTER TOWNSHIP, BENTON COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the schedules of receipts, disbursements, and cash and investment balances of Center Township (Township), for the period of January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2005. The Township's management is responsible for the schedules. Our responsibility is to express an opinion based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the schedule of receipts, disbursements, and cash and investment balances and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the schedules referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash transactions of the Township for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2004, and 2005, based on the criteria set forth in the uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS

August 8, 2006

CENTER TOWNSHIP, BENTON COUNTY  
SCHEDULES OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
As Of And For The Years Ended December 31, 2003, 2004, And 2005

	Cash and Investments 01-01-03	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-03
Governmental Funds:				
General	\$ 50,091	\$ 20,088	\$ 15,646	\$ 54,533
Dog	514	212	214	512
Township Assistance	21,476	9,524	7,758	23,242
Firefighting	35,120	32,911	37,653	30,378
Cumulative Fire	12,583	11,520	-	24,103
Totals	<u>\$ 119,784</u>	<u>\$ 74,255</u>	<u>\$ 61,271</u>	<u>\$ 132,768</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-04	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-04
Governmental Funds:				
General	\$ 54,533	\$ 20,861	\$ 17,763	\$ 57,631
Dog	512	106	176	442
Township Assistance	23,242	9,240	10,562	21,920
Firefighting	30,378	38,677	36,564	32,491
Cumulative Fire	24,103	12,113	33,435	2,781
Totals	<u>\$ 132,768</u>	<u>\$ 80,997</u>	<u>\$ 98,500</u>	<u>\$ 115,265</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-05	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-05
Governmental Funds:				
General	\$ 57,631	\$ 23,351	\$ 16,953	\$ 64,029
Dog	442	84	148	378
Township Assistance	21,920	10,851	11,594	21,177
Firefighting	32,491	36,078	40,773	27,796
Levy Excess	-	178	-	178
Cumulative Fire	2,781	11,594	7,900	6,475
Totals	<u>\$ 115,265</u>	<u>\$ 82,136</u>	<u>\$ 77,368</u>	<u>\$ 120,033</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the schedules.

CENTER TOWNSHIP, BENTON COUNTY  
NOTES TO SCHEDULES

Note 1. Introduction

The Township was established under the laws of the State of Indiana. The Township provides the following services: public safety, health and social services, culture and recreation, and general administrative services.

Note 2. Fund Accounting

The Township uses funds to report on its cash and investments and the results of its operations on a cash basis. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain governmental functions or activities.

Note 3. Budgets

The operating budget is initially prepared and approved at the local level. In addition, funds for which property taxes are levied are subject to final approval by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance.

Note 4. Property Taxes

Property taxes levied are collected by the County Treasurer and are distributed to the Township in June and December. State statute (IC 6-1.1-17-16) requires the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance to establish property tax rates and levies by February 15. These rates were based upon the preceding year's March 1 (lien date) assessed valuations adjusted for various tax credits. Taxable property is assessed at 100% of the true tax value (determined in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance). Taxes may be paid in two equal installments which become delinquent if not paid by May 10 and November 10, respectively. All property taxes collected by the County Treasurer and available for distribution were distributed to the Township on or prior to December 31 of the year collected.

Note 5. Deposits and Investments

Deposits, made in accordance with Indiana Code 5-13, with financial institutions in the State of Indiana at year end were entirely insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or by the Indiana Public Deposit Insurance Fund. This includes any deposit accounts issued or offered by a qualifying financial institution.

State statute (IC 5-13-9) authorizes the Township to invest in securities including, but not limited to, federal government securities, repurchase agreements, and certain money market mutual funds. Certain other statutory restrictions apply to all investments made by local governmental units.

CENTER TOWNSHIP, BENTON COUNTY  
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on August 8, 2006, with Karen M. Phillips, Trustee. Our examination disclosed no material items that warrant comment at this time.